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ABSTRACT

2 A method for diagnosing various forms of dementia,
3 including MCI, and Alzheimer's disease(AD) is disclosed. The
4 method involves directly detecting the presence of a
5 biochemical marker, specifically thrombospondin, in bodily
6 fluid, preferably blood or a blood product. The detection is
7 by an immunoassay incorporating an antibody specific to
8 thrombospondin, or alternatively an autoantibody to a
9 thrombospondin antibody.

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